

*Suley Church  
Petersburg Alaska*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

November 30, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. George R. Betts  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear George:

We have received your estimate of repairs for the Church which covers the item of a new roof for the Church. We realize that this is necessary from your description of the condition of the roof and ought to be taken care of as soon as possible.

The Administrative Secretary has allocated only \$2000 for the coming year for repairs for all of our buildings in Alaska. This means it will be impossible for us to allow \$500 for a new roof on the Church at Petersburg. It will be necessary for us to ask your people to do as much as possible for themselves on this. According to the requests which have come in it might be possible for us to allow as much as \$200 for the purchase of materials, and we will have to ask the people to do the balance. Will you see what can be done on this and let me know?

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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RAYMOND L. WOLFE  
CLERK OF SESSION

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MRS. RUTH M. ROSE  
TREASURER

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# Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 6, 1945

Copy of the  
letter & memo  
sent Mr. Spier  
1/8/45

Rev. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Re: Petersburg Manse

Dear Earl:

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Upon the clearing of these two matters, I will then be ready to take Mrs. Johnson before our attorney, Mr. Howard D. Stabler, for transferring the deed to the property from Mrs. Johnson to the Board of National Missions.

I have in my possession a signed statement, given November 3, 1943, by Mrs. Theresa (Raymond) Johnson, which is her agreement to rent this house to us "for the sum of \$15.00 per month with the agreement on my part that this \$15.00 per month shall be credited on the final purchase price of the property, namely, \$800.00."

Mrs. Johnson began receiving her rent January 1, 1944, and if you have sent her a cheque for the month of January 1945, she has been paid the sum of \$195.00.

up payment  
for Jan. 1945

Mr. J. Booth  
12/1/43 states he began  
paid rent was to start 12/1/43

15.00  
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Began Jan. 1944 -  
12.00  
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120.00



Mr. Stabler's attorney fee for a simple deed will amount to \$5.00.

*Mr. Stabler* ( Please send me the full instructions as to the type of deed you desire, the full name to whom the deed is to be made, and any other information I should have in regard to this case.

Also, I should have the money ready in Juneau with which to pay Mrs. Johnson when the deed is executed.

No further rent cheques should be sent to Mrs. Johnson pending the consumating of this purchase.

Sincerely yours,

*Willis*

Willis R. Booth



C O P Y of letter from The Rev. Willis R. Booth  
P.O. Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

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Sincerely yours,

Willis R. Booth

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*Alaska P. H.*  
*Copy of each sent to H. J. 1/18/45*

Memorandum

January 18, 1945

To - - Mr. L. H. Tribus

From - Unit of Work in Alaska (Miss Koerner)

Re: - Purchasing of property at Petersburg, Alaska as a manse.

*Return to #711*

We are attaching herewith a copy of a letter which has been received from our Resident Agent in Alaska, The Rev. Willis R. Booth, Box 3020, Juneau, Alaska in reference to the property at Petersburg, Alaska which is now being rented by our missionary, The Rev. George R. Betts. May we ask you to reply to the paragraph in which Mr. Booth asks for full instructions as the type of deed desired, the full name to whom the deed is to be made, and any other information necessary to fulfill the transaction?

May I quote the following action from the annual Board Minutes of April 29-30, 1943:

"At an emergency meeting of the Administrative Council, on April 27, the following recommendations were presented and approved for recommendation to the Board:

1. That a grant of \$800.- be made from the Manse Grant Fund for the purchase of a house and lot to be used as a manse at Petersburg, Alaska. Alaska Presbytery will hold title. (Under Rule 20).
4. That a transfer of \$800. be made from the Loan A Fund to the Manse Grant Fund.

These recommendations were APPROVED."

The \$800.- is being held in our Treasury Department pending the completion of this transaction.

Mr. Jackman is on an extended itinerary to the Pacific Coast and expects to return early in February. This matter will be brought to his attention, but in the meantime we bring it to your attention to follow-up in the regular procedure. We shall inform The Rev. Mr. Booth that it has been turned over to our Property Office for consideration.

Unit of Work in Alaska  
per

FE

Att. copy of The Rev. Mr. Booth's letter re: Petersburg, Alaska dated 1/6/1945



Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

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February 1, 1945

Rev. Willis R. Booth  
P. O. Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Dr. Booth:

C Dr. Jackman's office has referred your letter of January 6, 1945 with reference to the above captioned property to me for reply.

I would like to close this transaction in our usual manner, and I therefore suggest the following procedure:

1. That a certified copy of the proposed deed be sent me as soon as possible. It, of course, can be unexecuted.
2. I need a complete description of the premises in order that we may take out the necessary fire insurance. The value which is placed upon the premises should be its replacement value and not market value.
3. I would like to close the transaction thru the office of Mr. Howard D. Stabler, who I know and who has represented us before, P

We will not accept a deed from Mrs. Johnson until Mr. Stabler has examined the title and is ready to sign a certificate that the title will be in fee simple and that there are no liens or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever. Mrs. Johnson should be prepared to furnish an Abstract of Title at her expense. Ordinarily, in matters of this sort, we enter into a written contract with the seller which provides for a date of closing, type of deed, payment of liens, and the furnishing of an Abstract. Since this procedure has not been followed, we wish to assure ourselves of the title before taking any further steps. Y

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Howard D. Stabler in order that he may be fully posted.

Thanking you for your fine cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus  
Assistant General Counsel

LHT:DG

cc Dr. Jackman

Mr. H. D. Stabler



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February 20, 1945.

AIR MAIL

Re: All of Lot 7 in Block 37 in  
the townsite of Petersburg,  
Alaska

Mr. Howard D. Stabler,  
Shattuck Bldg.,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Stabler:

Your letter of February 14th with reference to the above captioned property is satisfactory. I therefore enclose a check, payable to your order as attorney, in the amount of \$620.00, representing the payment of the purchase price of \$800.00 less \$180.00, total rents paid (January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944), which rents are being deducted from the purchase price in accordance with the statement signed by Mrs. Theresa (Raymond) Johnson on Nov. 3, 1943.

Kindly obtain duly executed deed bearing revenue stamps in sufficient amount, the deed to convey title to the "Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, a New York corporation." Please have same recorded and return to this office, together with your voucher for drawing the deed, examining title and closing the transaction. We enclose our check for \$5.00, payable to your order, which we assume will take care of the fee for recording the deed.

Also please let us have your opinion as to the replacement value of the premises with a brief description of the house so that we may take out proper fire insurance for our protection.

Sincerely yours,

*L. H. T.*  
Lucien H. Tribus  
Asst. General Counsel

Encl. 2 checks.

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Please!

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March 19, 1945.

To - Dr. J. Earl Jackman

From - L. H. Tribus

Re - Petersburg, Alaska - Manse

This is to advise that we have today received the recorded deed to the following described property:

"All of Lot Seven (7) in Block Thirty-seven (37) in the townsite of Petersburg, Alaska, according to the official plat of U. S. Survey No. 1252 of record in the office of the United States Commissioner, ex-officio Recorder, in and for Petersburg Recording Precinct, at Petersburg, Alaska."

In order to obtain a fee simple title, it was necessary to obtain two additional deeds as follows:

Quitclaim deed dated Feb. 9, 1943 from Theodore C. Andrianoff to Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

Quitclaim deed dated Jan. 3, 1945 from William Andrianoff to Mrs. Theresa (Raymond) Johnson.

We are carrying insurance on this property in the amount of \$800. As yet we have not received accurate information as to the replacement value of the improvement. We would appreciate your advice regarding this matter.

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Manse  
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In accordance with our records the total expenses in connection with this property are -

Purchase Price	\$800.00
Less rents paid from 1/1/44 thru 12/31/44	<u>180.00</u>
Cash Paid	\$620.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Cost of recording deeds	5.00
* Attorney's fee	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>30.00</u>
Total Cost	\$650.00 ✓

\* I may add that this is extremely reasonable for the amount of work involved.

Lucien H. Tribus  
Lucien H. Tribus



*Petersburg, Alaska  
Person 1514*

Noted January 1945

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*old manse next to old church*

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EARL N. OHMER  
Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

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PETERSBURG, ALASKA

Seattle Address:  
P. O. Box 1001

May, 9th, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman.  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, (10) New York.

Dear Rev. Jackman:-

*St. Petersburg Church*

*Alaska*

I have just heard the rumor that there is a plan to transfer our local Pastor George Betts to Hoonah, Alaska and replace him with some one else here.

In writing this letter, I do not wish to upset your schedule, but I feel sure that you always wish to so outline matters to the best advantage of all concerned.

Pastor George Betts has been in Petersburg some years. He is a fine man in every respect, and is well liked by the Petersburg People. Also he knows all people and conditions here very well, and is in a position to continue doing a fine job here. We certainly do not wish to see him transferred unless its absolutely necessary.

I am writing this as a personal letter, but you may wish to know something more about me, as no doubt you receive many letters that do not have much of a foundation.

It is possibly tough luck for the people of Alaska that under the Department of the Interior, I am Chairman of the Alaska Game Commission and take a very active part also in the Fisheries which comes under the same heading of Fish & Wildlife. Am also the local unofficial representative of the Indian Service. I can refer you to our Governor Gruening, Mr. Foster, Gen'l Supt. of the Indian Service or to any other Government official up here or reputable firm.

In requesting that Pastor Betts be left at Petersburg, I am not doing this for any personal reason, but it is with the idea of the general good of the entire community.

Thanking you for your earnest consideration of this matter, and with best of wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Earl N. Ohmer*



*Petersburg Church*

September 26, 1945

To the Officers of the  
Presbyterian Church  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Friends:

We are glad to learn that William Duguqua has moved to Petersburg to take up his work with your congregation during the coming winter. We know that you have appreciated the services of The Rev. George Betts and still miss him and his wife but we believe you will give your loyalty to The Duguqua's in their leadership this winter. Mr. Duguqua may not have had as much experience as Mr. Betts but he does desire to serve your people to the best of his ability. We ask for him your united support.

We understood that when we purchased the manse next to the Church that Mr. Betts was to move the equipment from the upstairs of the Church to the manse and install the bathroom in the manse. We have not had a full report on the completion of this project but trust that all these arrangements have been made. If they have not yet been finished we hope that the officers of the Church will cooperate with The Duguqua's in getting the manse completed.

We do not have any report concerning the living quarters upstairs in the Church. If the family is living there what is the amount of the rent being paid and who is receiving it. We feel that the upstairs should be vacated as living quarters and the rooms could be used for Sunday school and the program of the Church. May we ask you to consider these matters and give us a report on what is happening?

We have arranged for Mr. Duguqua to have a salary of \$990. for the nine months period over this winter. This would be at the rate of \$110. a month. The Board does not have sufficient funds to pay all of this from New York and are asking the congregation to pay \$200. of it. This can be raised and given to The Duguqua's in a lump sum this Fall or it can be divided and paid to them each month. We have asked Mr. Duguqua to include



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To the Officers of the Presbyterian Church,  
Petersburg, Alaska

September 26, 1945

on his report a statement about receiving this support from the Church.

We know that this is your Church and you have it very much on your hearts. You will want to have a strong Church program and give your loyalty and support to everything which the Church does. We hope that you will have a successful winter and pray that God will bless you and your leader in everything which is being done.

Cordially yours,

JBJ:FE

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

CC Mrs. Frank Richardson

Mrs. Amy Hollingstead - *from W. H. J. record*

Mr. John George

VIA AIRMAIL



May 22, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Earl W. Ohmer  
Petersburg, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ohmer:

Thank you for your letter of May ninth giving us your reaction about the transfer of The Rev. George Betts from Petersburg to Hoonah.

I do remember you very well because I had two visits with you in Petersburg a year ago when Presbytery met there. We appreciated your fine cooperation in regard to the draft status of two of our lay-workers and would now want to co-operate with you and the community to the best interest of the community.

At the meeting of the National Missions committee in Hydaburg the members of the Committee felt that we had an unusual situation at Hoonah which would require the ministry of one who is devoted to the service and who was able to fit a local situation. We suggested several men but the Committee agreed unanimously that Mr. Betts was the one who could do the job at Hoonah as well as if not better than anyone else. It was the unanimous reaction of the Committee that he ought to go there in the Fall. When the matter was put up to him he indicated his willingness to be guided by the Committee and go if that was the Committee's decision.

We realize that his transfer will mean a great loss to Petersburg and I am still willing to reconsider the matter if we can secure someone else to serve at Hoonah who might do nearly as good a job as George Betts. We have written to him about it and will give it further consideration.

Thank you for your interest and your desire to work for the welfare of Petersburg and the Presbyterian Church there.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEF:PK



**MEMORANDUM**                      **October 31, 1946**

TO: Cabinet of Missionary Operation

FROM: Office of Unit of Work in Alaska

RE: Appropriation for purchase of furniture and repairs of manse at Alaska

The decision has been made to place a white ordained minister in the village of Petersburg, Alaska. The manse has very few items of furniture and is in need of extensive repairs. In order to get it ready for the occupancy of a white family, it is recommended that the Board appropriate \$300 from National Missions Building and Repairs for the purchase of furniture and the repair of the manse at Petersburg.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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*Interviewed*

REQUEST FOR MISSIONARY

Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Type of position Pastor

Date November 7, 1946

To: Unit of Personnel Service

From: Unit of Work in Alaska

Station: Petersburg, Alaska

Executive: The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.

1. Description of Community and station. (size and nature and remoteness of community; type of people; shopping facilities; schools; limitations in terms of food, altitude, climate; general nature of program of station, etc.)  
**Petersburg, Alaska is a bi-racial community whose main industry is fishing. There is a relatively strong Lutheran Church in this community of about 1500 people, a citadel of the Salvation Army, and the Presbyterian Church. Our work is bi-racial but predominantly Native. On the basis of southeastern Alaska communities there is a good shopping center and fairly good schools for Natives and whites. The climate is mild and has considerable rainfall.**
2. Description of Position. (including responsibility for "Extra-Curricular" activities for institutions)

**Pastor of the Church.**

3. Relationships. (instructions on any special relationships including provisions for supervision.)

**A headquarter's responsibility plus membership in Alaska Presbytery, and Pastor of the Church on official stated supply basis.**

4. Qualifications needed for this position:

Sex Male Age --- Married Yes Single --- Race White

Training, experience, and skills required: **Prefer a college and seminary ordained minister.**

5. Terms of Appointment:

Salary: Cash \$2100. + Home Yes Maintenance No

Pension Yes Grant for travel Yes Other expense None

Date should begin 11/1/46 Term of appt. 5 yrs. Vacation allowance yes

Provision for work during vacation: ---

6. Budget charge: Unit of Work in Alaska

7. Statement of any additional considerations: ---

Date of appointment --- Person appointed ---



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Northern Light Presbyterian Church

WILLIS R. BOOTH, MINISTER  
P. O. BOX 3020

JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 25, 1946

*12/4/46  
W.R. Booth*

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D. D.  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Earl:

Sunday, a Mrs. Wilder, from Petersburg attended the service at my Church, and after the service entered a plea with Rev. Paul Prouty and me to do something about the Petersburg Church.

The substance of her plea was this. The Petersburg Church wants an ordained man who will build a strong organization and a creditable building. The process of the Church becoming a bi-racial one will be slow, but she believes, certain, but not under the leadership of a Native lay-worker.

Mr. Prouty assured her both the National Missions Committee and you are working on the problem, and will find some solution as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, at present, they are without regular services.

*W.R. Booth*  
Please tell me your plans for Petersburg.

Yours truly,

*Willis*

Willis R. Booth.

Copy to  
Rev. J. L. Webster



*Petersburg*  
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Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

February 6, 1947

2/6/1947 Inf. from Property  
Office (telephone conversation  
with Dr. Kesler's Sec'y:)  
Mortgage grant of \$2000. on  
Petersburg church which  
secured a \$2000. gift from  
Mr. and Mrs. Scheide. Mort-  
gage made by Presbytery of  
Alaska. (FK)

VIA AIRMAIL

Mrs. Amy Hoblingstad  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Amy:

*C*  
We are still working on the future plans for an ordained  
minister and a better church for Petersburg.

The present church building is in the name of the Presbytery  
of Alaska although the Board has a mortgage on it. We cannot  
and will not sell the present building without consulting your  
people.

*O*  
We are keeping Petersburg high on the list for a new church  
when funds and materials are available. Meanwhile the Petersburg  
people ought to be thinking about how much they can contribute to-  
ward a new church. We think the new church ought to have at least  
two rooms - one for worship and one for Sunday school and social  
purposes with a small kitchen at one end. *P* If we can do this  
maybe we won't need the old church.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska *Y*

JEJ:FK

Dictated by Dr. Jackman  
through letter from field,  
and signed in his absence

CC The Rev. Paul H. Prouty



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Mr. Claire A. Wilder turned over to me the deed for the 2 1/3 lots for the proposed new church and manse. The property comprises lots 1,2, and the western 1/3 of lot three in block 94 of the city planning. They are on the opposite side of the street on which the church now is, and about three blocks eastward, on the corner of the block, facing northward. They are on a knoll, and may be fairly easily drained, to allow a basement floor to the church. The lots

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Raymond B. Spivey  
Missionary-Pastor

David Phillips, *Gleek*  
Mrs. C. A. Wilder, *Treasurer*

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## First Presbyterian Church

Box 448

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Petersburg, Alaska

are 100 feet "deep", north and south, and 50 feet wide, east and west. The city has definite plans for building the street up to the site and turning southward along the corner lot. <sup>Next Summer</sup> Of course the church would be built on the corner lot (corner of block next to town), and the manse on the eastern side of it. I believe the church should have a basement for recreational and social purposes, and classrooms, with several classrooms up on the main floor. It will take quite a bit of cement, but it will be worth it; cement pilings or foundations will pay in the long run also. If a basement is made it should not be necessary to place the building on pilings; the muskeg is probably 8 to 12 feet deep. This site is better than the original site chosen, since it is nearer town to some extent, and public facilities will be extended that far next summer, whereas the original site had a big question mark over this phase of it. Water and sewer facilities will have to be extended about 50 ft. to the manse site by the Board, in stead of the 200 or 250 ft. to the other site. Building costs are skyhigh; but perhaps the Board has some connections whereby materials might be secured more cheaply in the states and sent up; though some would have to be secured here to please the local authorities and businessmen, I imagine. Presumably the Board has access to various building plans; if some could be sent it might help stimulate interest in the Building Fund.



Following taken from the Rev. Raymond B. Spivey's letter of January 6, 1948  
received in N.Y. Office 1/12/1948

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*W. B. Spivey*  
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*Thlinget Church*  
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Excerpt from April 29, 1947 letter from the Rev. Mr. Spivey:

"At a recent congregational meeting, the church voted to change the name from Thlinget Presbyterian Church to the First Presbyterian Church..... A committee was appointed to negotiate for the lots for the church and manse; two lots (66 2/3 ft by 100 ft) are assured us, and the Committee are to choose them at the end of the street the church is now on."

Noted per F. Koerner  
May 28, 1947



JUN 8 1950

HARRY G. STEWART, A.I.A.  
REGISTERED ARCHITECT  
ARCHITECTS BUILDING, 17TH & SANSON STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA 3, PENNSYLVANIA

June 7, 1950

Rev. J. Earl Jackman  
Sec'y., Dept. of Work in Alaska  
Board of National Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Earl:

Approximately one week has passed since our due date for sketches for the new church at Petersburg, Alaska, but we trust that the delay has not been serious.

Enclosed you will find prints of two drawings showing the plans and elevations of a proposed church building on the site described in your recent letter.

In view of the necessity for economy, presence of high winds, and the fact that the natives of Petersburg will do most of the building, we have suggested an extremely simple structure which could be built in two stages. If you will look at the drawings showing the plan, I wish to point out that the portion to the right of the dotted line, including an all-purpose room, three classrooms, kitchen, toilets, and storage rooms, would be built first. The second stage would call for the addition of the portion of the plan to the left of the dotted line. This would mean that the sanctuary and chancel would be constructed at a later date and that the original north wall of the all-purpose room would be removed and replaced by a folding partition, thus doubling the capacity of the church for special occasions.

The entire south wall of the all-purpose room would be windows and doors. Therefore, there would be plenty of light in the church room of the first stage. In the final sanctuary, you would have full length windows throwing light into each side of the chancel and high windows regularly spaced along the side walls of the sanctuary.

The manner in which this building is to be heated is a great question in our minds, inasmuch as we have not discussed this point. We have thought of stoves for the first stage of construction and a regular heater room constructed north of the kitchen in the final stage. This suggested heater room is not shown on the drawings.




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The tower, in which a bell could be hung and across which a cross is planted, is constructed of open frame work, thus minimizing any wind resistance. Such a structure would be easy to build and would provide no danger from wind storms.

You may consider this design somewhat modern in approach, but we believe that it fits the situation and meets the needs more readily than a traditional steeple type of church.

When you have had a chance to look these drawings over, please let me talk to you about the whole idea and hear your criticisms.

Sincerely,



Harry G. Stewart

HGS/emc

Enclosures



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*Petersburg, al*  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

June 19, 1950

*ALASKA*  
*PERM. FILE*  
Mr. Harry C. Stewart  
Architects Building  
17th and Sansom Streets  
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Harry:

Your letter with the proposed plans for the church in Petersburg, Alaska, arrived when I was away from the office. Upon my return I looked at it and then laid it aside for the moment to give further consideration toward it. Meanwhile, two of our people from Alaska have been in and we have discussed it together. The plan is fine, but we are agreed here that it is too modernistic and the roof is too low.

We wonder if we have not overemphasized to you the severity of the winter and the high winds to cause you to go to an extreme in keeping the roof low. Petersburg has a considerable amount of snow, which is wet and very heavy. This would make a heavy load on such a roof and would not run off easily, therefore, would cause severe strain. Whether we are traditionally conservative or have not yet been won to modernistic architecture in churches we are unable to say. However, we feel much more inclined toward the style which you put into the Hydaburg church rather than this proposal for Petersburg.

It is true that we have a considerable amount of land space on this location but having looked at the land itself, I feel it is not all suitable for building purposes. Running down approximately the line in the middle of the block at the back end of the lots facing on the two side streets, there is, or was when I was there, a small stream, perhaps about two feet wide on the surface and running rather rapidly. My own feeling is that this is not a suitable place to build a church, but there was no other spot near the center of town on hard ground which could be secured. I have said "no" to so many proposals of the local missionary that my determination for a good location on solid ground weakened when he and the field representative were agreed on this spot. Every time I close my eyes I can see that little stream running down the middle of the land and realize that we would have to sink piling from eight to twelve feet to hardpan and still have this stream running under the church building most of the time. Since the land is marshy and of muskeg composition it would cause considerable dampness under the church. It would seem to me that we ought to concentrate upon a smaller space of land on the ~~northwest~~ <sup>northeast</sup> corner on lots one and two rather than spread the building over the larger space, realizing that if we do the latter, a part of it will be over running water. We do not have the exact distance from the northwest corner of lot one to the location of the stream, but probably could get this by telegram if it would be helpful. In fact, I think I should do this any way, because it should be taken into consideration.

When we have completed the purchase of the house and lots, there will be a little money left which might be used to move the present house from its location on lot one facing west on Second Avenue to another location on lot



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Mr. Harry G. Stewart United States of America

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three facing north on "H" Street, which would make that whole corner available for the sanctuary and all-purpose unit. This might cramp the size of the sanctuary later but would give a better location for the all-purpose unit without being over running water.

If we can use the style of architecture in the Hydaburg church giving the hip in the roof a greater pitch than proposed in the sketches which you have sent, there ought to be some usable space on the second floor in the all-purpose unit. We realize that the Hydaburg church is built in the form of an L and the one for Petersburg would probably take the form of a T, with the all-purpose unit forming the top of the T.

Sending this information to you now after you have done some work on sketches makes me wonder if we have been specific enough in our original information to you and again raises the question whether I should come to Philadelphia for a conference with you on it. I could come down Wednesday of this week if that will help, which would mean that you should wire me or telephone and I shall hold myself in readiness for that possibility.

The people in Hydaburg reduced the size of the steeple on your plans but distinctly wanted it because of the architecture and the fact of a land mark which could be seen a considerable distance at sea. The same would be true in Petersburg, and ~~you~~ might even want to put a lighted cross on the steeple to guide fishermen into the harbor at night. Wrangell uses this most effectively and fishermen find their way into the harbor safely by the location of the lighted cross.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Department of Work in Alaska

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Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church  
In the United States of America

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY 10, NEW YORK

MENT OF WORK IN ALASKA  
V. J. EARL JACKMAN, D.D.  
MENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND  
MEDICAL WORK  
S. KATHARINE E. GLADFELTER

*Re Petersburg Church*

ALASKA FIELD REPRESENTATIVE  
REV. R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG  
BOX 2539, JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 10, 1952

Rev. Ronald Snelling  
Presbyterian Church  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Ron:

The other evening I was talking to Rev. and Mrs. George Betts. Mrs. Betts left the room and came back with her purse. There was a flow of Thlinget and George said, "Kattie, three or four dollars isn't enough." To his surprise and to mine, Mrs. Betts counted out twenty five dollars. This was money made from sewing on slippers.

I asked George what it was for and he replied, "It is for the Petersburg Church." "What will it be used for?". I asked. Mrs. Betts said something in her native tongue and George interpreted, "Tell them to buy nails to hold the place together."

Then you have the story and enclosed you have a check for twenty five.

I know that you will want to write the Betts at Hoonah and thank them for their gift.

Most sincerely yours

*Rolland*  
R. Rolland Armstrong.

cc: Dr. Jackman ✓

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COMPILATION OF STATISTICS FOR 1955  
First Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, Alaska

Sunday School	Total Attendance	1961	Weekly Average	38
Morning Church		1366		26
Evening Church		738		
Nursery		531		10
Missionary Society		106		
Sarah Magill Circle		186		
Joint Women's Meetings		25		
Choir		338		
Work Nights		47		
I. A. H. Club		329		
Potlucks		173		
Calls		551	Monthly Average	46
Sunday School Teachers' Meetings	-- Once a month (except in summer)			
Sunday School Classes	-- 8			
Sunday School Enrollment	--	115		
Sheldon Jackson School Reunion		18		
Holy Week Communion		35		
Vacation Bible School (total attendance)		525		
Bible School Closing Program		125		
Martin Luther Film		350		
Union World Day of Prayer Service				
Union Good Friday Service		300		
Union Thanksgiving Service		120		
Christmas Program		108		
Visited by two tourist groups				
Funerals		4		
Weddings		4		
Baptisms		8		
Session Meetings		6		
Members Received		1		
Members lost		2		
Total Membership		46		
Members living out of town		9		
Station Wagon used weekly to transport Sunday School children, youth groups, etc.				
Boat calling was done among logging camps and people across the Narrows (number of calls included under Pastoral Visits)				
Flew to Juneau for Christian Education Meeting and Evangelism Meeting.				
Week of Evangelism, including meetings in Petersburg and Kake.				
Special Lenten Meetings with Dr. R. R. Armstrong as speaker.				
Special projects by women for Organ Fund.				



*at  
Petersburg Alaska  
the home base for P. H. K. Co.*

April 10, 1957

The Rev. Ron Snelling  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Ron:

Following visits with you and Dick Nelson about relocating the operational base of the Princeton-Hall in Petersburg and the possibility of housing there, we have presented a request to the Cabinet of Missionary Operation for an appropriation to purchase a house in Petersburg for this purpose. The Cabinet raised a few questions about the advisability of having Petersburg as the berth for the ship, but had no objections and approved a request for an appropriation for purchase of a house. We do not yet know what the Priority Committee will do with it, but if they are favorable, I should have more detailed information to present.

Dick Nelson feels that their family can pull up stakes and just move on board the ship. It was even suggested that the Stussi's might do the same thing, but we do not feel that we should cut off the home base from our crew. We are, therefore, looking for housing in Petersburg which would provide an apartment for each family, so that they would have a private place they could call their own when they're on shore.

You mentioned a large house down on the main street which was a real possibility. We would like to have from you a description of it which would include the size of the lot, the type of construction of the building, the finished accommodations in the basement, first floor, second floor, third floor. You mentioned that it had been kept in very good condition and was furnished complete. The price you mentioned was \$18,000, but the bankers suggested that if you offered \$16,000 you might get it. Could we ask you to give us all of these details in a complete description and add a black and white snapshot of it for reference here.

If this property is not available at the lower price suggested, then we ought to think in terms of some other larger house which could be divided or the possibility of two smaller houses. This latter possibility might include the vacant house at the back of our present property plus the house of the Halls, which would round out the block, but which would be farther away from the dock.

If we should purchase the large house downtown and there is sufficient accommodation on the second floor for two separate apartments, we might consider renting the first floor so that there would be someone living in the house all the time for heat and care of the property. All of these things must be worked out on the best possible basis.

Until we know whether the funds are going to be available, we are simply asking a lot of questions with the hope and expectation of having definite information on hand for further consideration.

It was good to have a visit with you and Pat at the meeting of the Presbytery. We appreciate your enthusiasm and devotion to the task which lies ahead of you.

You should send us also the more complete description of your need for further space in connection with your chapel and what your plans would be in definite form for an addition to the building and the approximate costs as far as you can determine them.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman  
(Dictated by Dr. Jackman and signed  
in his absence)

JJ:lt  
cc.: The Rev. Brian Cleworth



Dr. Sharp  
Dr. Jackman  
Purchase of property in Petersburg, Alaska

September 17, 1957

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In a recent conference with those people involved both from the standpoint of the National Missions Committee and the crew of the boat, it is still felt that the move to Petersburg would be more advantageous and more economical for us both in time, personnel and cost. The recommendation for the \$12,000 was to cover the purchase of a house in Petersburg which could be adapted for the families of the three members of the crew. Meanwhile, we are investigating other possibilities of housing, but it will take at least \$18,000 to purchase this house or two others which would give adequate facilities for two or three families related to the operation of the ship.

It is our belief that the most economical thing for us in the long run is to purchase housing rather than to rent it as a charge on the current budget. Real estate is about as reasonable in Petersburg now as in any other part of Southeastern Alaska. A federal appropriation has been made for the development of the streets of the city, and plans have been included in a territory-wide road network which would provide a connection between Petersburg and the mainland of Canada. This will cause Petersburg to increase in population and economic activity which will in turn increase the price of real estate. From all visible indications now is the time for us to purchase real estate for our future needs before it goes too high.

We would ask that this problem be presented to the Priority Committee again.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
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# *First Presbyterian Church*

Box 448

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*Petersburg, Alaska*

October 10, 1957

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church  
in the U. S. A.  
156 Fifth Avenue #711  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman,

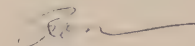
Thank you for the indication of the raise in salary included in the October check. This will help us a great deal in catching up in the back bills.

In the last Session meeting the elders were anxious for news as to the progress on the Sunday School addition to our church. I told them that I would write you concerning the plans Mr. Carlson said he would draw up and bring a report to them at our next meeting. The present condition of our Sunday School is very crowded, and we are keeping the teachers on the promise that the addition will materialize within a year.

Right now, we are attempting to organize the elders, trustees, and deacons and work through them more than we have in the past. Of course, there was no organization to the church when we came, but now we are beginning to get enough officers capable of carrying responsibility so that they can be organized. There is more purpose to the organization also now that the people have some spiritual growth and are interested in making progress.

If the week of Evangelism, Every Member Canvass, the youth program, and total program of our church doesn't happen through the laymen, then I fail to see how it will happen at all. I think the main trouble is that a minister tries to spread himself too thin and there aren't enough hours in a day to do it all.

Sincerely yours,



Ronald B. Snelling

copy: Brian Cleworth

# First Presbyterian Church

Box 448

Petersburg, Alaska

OCT 30 1957

*Re New Boat Name*

October 23, 1957

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue #711  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman,

Pat came up with a suggestion for the name of the new boat the other day, which you may already have, but I thought I would send it along.

She suggests the name "Amanda" thinking of Amanda McFarland and her great missionary spirit which we still see today in our workers and the pioneering ventures which still lie ahead. Boats are often given women's names, and we think that it would be fitting to use the name of the first woman missionary to Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

*Ron*

Ronald B. Snelling

copy: Brian Cleworth



*Petersburg Ch + name*

November 7, 1957

The Rev. Ronald B. Snelling  
First Presbyterian Church  
Box 448  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Ron:

We are not able to give you any definite word concerning the progress of plans for the addition to the church building. I have asked Glen Carson to go over the sketch which you submitted and make further suggestions on construction and estimate of prices, so that we could present an adequate picture to the Board when we make a request for it. He has been very busy with field work and work in the office, so has not had time to do anything about it yet. He has promised to finish this up and have it ready to present to the Priority Committee with a request for funds when they meet early in February. The whole thing will have to go through the regular channels of the Cabinet to the Board. Cabinet meets again late in January, and the Board will meet early in February. If we can get an approval of an appropriation, that should give time enough to think in terms of construction next summer.

Dick Stussi has given us another report on possible properties in Petersburg which might be purchased by the Board for residences of the crew of the Princeton-Hall. The Priority Committee is awaiting a specific report from me on that before they take any action on the amount of an appropriation for this purpose. Meanwhile, there has been some suggestion that we keep the Princeton-Hall when we get the new boat in service. This would give us the extra boat for an expanded missionary service in southeastern Alaska. If and when we do get a third boat, the suggestion has been made that we base it in Ketchikan. If we do that, then is Petersburg the proper place to have the base for the general services boat such as the Princeton-Hall is now. Should we move to Petersburg, or should we stay in Juneau with the new boat? It would seem that we ought to have a little more light on this before we buy property in Petersburg. We are working on this question.

Thanks for the suggestion from Pat about naming the new boat "The Amanda." That seems to be a fitting name, but we raise the question whether we should name the boat that when the school is moving one of their new buildings "McFarland." Nevertheless, we are putting this suggestion down on a list and hope that we get enough of them to be able to make a final decision in the near future. Delivery has been promised to us early in December.

We trust that you have had a great mission with some definite present and future results from it.

Regards to all the family.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JEM:ph  
cc: The Rev. Brian Elsworth



Mr. Sharp for Fr. Arty Committee

Mr. Jackson

January 16, 1958

**Addition to Petersburg Church in Alaska**

Petersburg, Alaska is an inter-racial fishing village of about 1,000 population. We have had a church program there for more than 25 years which has been largely native until recently. While it was native, we had a native lay-worker in charge and the work did not progress as it should have. We employed a white missionary and the work went forward for a couple of years, but there was a fire in the old church building and the worker left. There was a vacancy of several months and then we found a young couple from San Francisco Theological Seminary to take the work. Following the fire, the old location was sold and the Board purchased a new location which had a house and six lots.

When Ron and Pat Snelling came to the field, they had a house in which to live and they held their services and church school in the living room of the manse. The Board provided a moderate sum of money for the erection of a chapel building which has two classrooms in it for church school. This building was built largely through the efforts and supervision of Ron Snelling, who invited his father and mother to come up for a month vacation when he needed someone to do the finishing work inside the chapel. His father is a building contractor and gave advice on the plan of the building and did actual work in finishing up the interior.

The work has grown from a handful of people to an inter-racial congregation with 18 members with 34 in the church school. This has been a slow but substantial growth which indicates the confidence which the community has in the Snellings. Ron and Pat served for four years, came out on furlough, and now have returned to stay an indefinite period. Through this longer service, they have been able to see some deeper results which has come as a result of their ministry. They have outgrown their facilities for Sunday school and fellowship program in the congregation and are asking for the Board's assistance in putting an addition to the building which would give them an assembly room for the church school, which also would be used as a fellowship hall, and enough additional classrooms to departmentalize the church school. A basic outline of the addition has been presented to us, and reviewed by Mr. Carson. The basement by contract, and the materials for the entire addition are estimated to be \$13,000.00. Beyond that we have a choice of asking the missionary on the field to give all of his time in building the addition himself with whatever volunteer help he can get from his congregation, or to add another \$15,000.00 for contract labor and do the job quickly which would allow the missionary to continue his ministry with the people instead of having to give all of his attention to the construction of the building. Mr. Carson and I have reviewed the situation and believe that we ought to recommend an appropriation of \$23,000.00 for materials and labor in order to get the job done as soon as possible and have the use of these expanded facilities for the better development and growth of our program there.

Petersburg is on an island. It is essentially a fishing community but it has a longer period of employment for its people than any other village in the area. In the development of the road system of Alaska, there is a provision for a ferry from Petersburg to the mainland and a connecting highway to the highway system of Canada which will give the community a greater opportunity for growth. This same community is also the place where we are recommending the location of the facilities on our mission motor ship which would help to strengthen our church program there.

JLS:EE

cc : Mr. Carson

J. Earl Jackson



*Petersburg*

MEMORANDUM TO THE CABINET OF THE DIVISION OF MISSIONARY OPERATION

From: Dr. J. Earl Jackman

Date: Sept. 16, 1958

*Project* Category: Purchase of two houses in Petersburg, Alaska

*Category* Project: Priority Capital Funds

For some months we have been considering the relocation of the headquarters of our mission motorship in Alaska from Juneau to Petersburg. Every one concerned with the actual operation of the ships in their ministry strongly advises us to make this change for convenience and economy of costs and time of personnel involved. Petersburg is more centrally located where the boat or boats are used. Real estate is less expensive in Petersburg than in Juneau, and this would place our crews nearer to the areas in which they operate.

Several months ago we requested an appropriation for this but could not give any definite information concerning the actual amount of money needed for two houses. We have consulted with Glen Carson and Ron Snelling in Petersburg about the cost of housing. If newer houses are purchased, the price will be higher, but if we purchase older houses, it will be necessary for us to do some renovation on them before we would occupy them. The best information which we can get on this would indicate that approximately \$12,000.00 each would be adequate to cover the purchase of two houses and do whatever renovation or repair would be essential for their occupancy.

We recommend the appropriation of \$24,000.00 from Priority Funds to purchase two houses in Petersburg for housing for the crew of one of our boats. This request has been strongly supported by Brian Cleworth, the members of the boat crews, and the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska. It has been approved by the Cabinet of Missionary Operation. We present it now to the Priority Committee with the hope that the appropriation would be approved and recommended to the Board.

JBJ:EW

(Dictated by Dr. Jackman;  
signed in his absence)

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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Cabinet Action:

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 18 1959

# *First Presbyterian Church*

Box 448

*Petersburg, Alaska*

March 13, 1959

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Tuesday evening when the Session and Trustees met they noted that several changes needed to be made in the plans for our building addition.

A question was raised about whether the addition would even provide room enough for our present Sunday school needs.

I think the people need more time to see just what the needs are now and in the future. It is quite possible the survey of this field will help to show the true need. The plans as they are will hardly take care of the present needs, and it seems to me that we should make some provision for the future or we will have a perpetual building program and a building looking like a house built by a man with 12 children who has added a room on for each, hoping that it will be the last.

We are continuing to work on the plans although we only have a few more weeks until the people will be gone for the summer.

Sincerely yours,

*Ronald B. Snelling*  
Ronald B. Snelling

copy: Brian Cloworth



Petersburg *ch*

March 24, 1959

The Rev. Ronald B. Snelling  
Box 448  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Ron:

We quite agree with you and Brian that there ought to be someone who can draw adequate plans for the addition to your church. Your letter of March 13th would seem to indicate that it might be well to delay the possibility of construction until you have more detailed plans drawn, and have a more complete idea of the actual needs for the future program. This would mean construction during the summer of 1959, but a concentrated effort to get something done in the fall or in the summer of 1960.

Again I have included your need in a total list which has gone to the executive officers. We have finally gotten a report that it was received "with sympathetic understanding". This does not get us any money, but will help us to get consideration for it. We are asking Dr. Leitch of our Church Extension Office, to visit Petersburg between planes on April 3rd, in an effort to get a favorable report which will bring us some action.

I shall look forward to a visit with you at the meeting of the Presbytery. I will not be able to be there all of the time, but long enough for some participation and the usual conferences with our workers.

Say hello to Pat and the children.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:EW  
cc : The Rev. Brian Cleworth

*al*  
*Petersburg Alaska*

Mr. Leitch  
Dept. of Work in Alaska  
Petersburg, Alaska

4/27/59

*4/17 from RBB*

May we quote the following paragraph from a letter received this A.M.  
from our minister at Petersburg, The Rev. Ronald B. Snelling, Box 448,  
Petersburg, Alaska:

"I would like to have an information form on which to list  
rooms, etc. need for our addition so I can fill it out  
before leaving on May 4th for furlough."

This is the item about which I spoke to you in the lobby this noon.  
Thank you for writing directly to Mr. Snelling. The reply should go  
VIA AIRMAIL for your information.

FK  
CC: Mr. Snelling for info'

Dept. of Work in Alaska  
per



JUN 15 1960

Petersburg, Alaska. June 11th 1960

Mr. Glen Carson  
Board of Nat. Missions  
Room 1173  
#75 Riverside Drive  
N.Y. 27 N.Y.

Dear Mr. Carson:-

I Am incloseing a copy of a letter to Dr. Jackman about the work here.

Rev. Schnelling showed me your letter to him of a few days ago in which you mentioned the Rafter, Roof and Studs. and which he told me he had answered your letter on same.

I not in your letter to him that you made mention of Rev. Schnelling helping with the Carpenter work. I am sorry that you think he has done a lot of Carpenter work since I am here. all toll since I am here he hasn't worked on the Building more then four days that ~~is~~ figuring a few hours at a time that he helped me. and about one day of the four he did wireing.

I do not know howmuch time he put in doing the book work connected with the job. I mention this as DR. Jackman wrote me when he asked us to come to Petersburg that Rev. Schnelling wasn't to put in his time on the building that he had his church work to do.

Now the above Statement is made to clarify your records and in no way to find fault with Rev. Schnelling as he certainly has been wonderful to work with.

Yours Truly.

L.F. Lahmeyer  
Box 448.

JUN 15 1960

Petersburg, Alaska, June 11th 1960

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board Of Nat. Missions  
475 Riverside Drive  
N.Y. 27 N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:-

I feel that I should make a report to you on the work here at Petersburg, I have set the completion date July 15th however I still think we might finish 10 days sooner then the 15th

I have enjoyed my work here with the Schnellin's very much and also all the people here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith have been here now about 10 days and want to say that Bob is a good workman. and very willing.

I feel that from the figures that Rev. Schnelling has given me that we will finish the work here for \$20,000.00 which would be \$5,000.00 less then the estimate.

Now what I need to know what are your plans for future work? what progress has been made on the Barrow Manse? Are we to go there around the 15th of Sept.

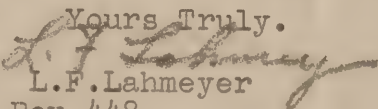
As upto now we plan on makeing a trip south when I job is completed here. however future work could change my plans.

In the past 30 days I have been offered three good paying jobs. one at Kotzebue. and one from my former boss at McKinley Park who is now a Contractor at Palmer and Anchorage. and now the Church at Auk Bay wants help. so I am not out of work.

I would rather stay with the Mission work as I certainly have enjoyed my work here at Petersburg. and we would very much like to have the Job at Barrow.

I would appericate an early reply so we may make our plans about getting out of here.

Yours Truly.

  
L.F. Lahmeyer  
Box 448



*Petersburg Alaska*  
June 17, 1960

Mr. L. F. Lahmeyer  
Box 448  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Mr. Lahmeyer:

Thank you for your letter of June 11 reporting the progress on the Petersburg Church and telling us that you are certain it can be completed for less than the appropriated amount. This is always good news because we have too many cases where prices increase and we do not have enough to cover the job.

Following the return of Mr. Carson, I asked him about his conversation with you regarding future work. He stated that he had talked with you about this and felt certain there would be plenty which we could have you do when you are ready in September.

We have not yet had definite word about the bids for the materials for the Barrow manse. We have been expecting them daily, but if they do not come pretty soon, it may not be possible to get the material prepared and ready for shipment on the boat this summer. All of the material has to be packaged and on the dock in Seattle on July 15. Time is getting short.

We have several other projects such as Auke Bay, the new church in Ketchikan, completion of the manse in Wasilla, more work on Hospitality House in Fairbanks, etc.

We appreciate the fact that you would rather stay with us and help us get some of these jobs done. We know that you could receive much more commercially. We are also conscious of the fact that you said that you were not so much concerned about how much you would earn but were thinking more of a constructive contribution which you could make to our mission cause in having better facilities to carry on the program. In connection with this, has the present arrangement been satisfactory? Or, would it be better for us to name a higher figure which would include the cost of food and have you take care of your own needs rather than having them paid for extra? If Barrow is the next project, then there would be a food supply in the manse from the annual order. Most things can be purchased at the local store but at a much higher figure.

We want to keep in touch with you as things develop and see where the next project is.

Best regards to both of you and thanks for your good work.

Sincerely,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:bh

cc: Mr. Carson

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January 29, 1960

Mrs. Mayreld Swanson  
Presbyterian Church  
Hydaburg, Alaska

Dear Mayreld,

With building plans flying back and forth, I haven't kept up with correspondence as I should have done.

The Session has been making plans for your coming to start on the 14th. (You may want to arrive before then for a Saturday demonstration on the 13th and that is fine.) A letter from Bob Simonds indicates that March would be better for them, and the last two weeks of February are best for us.

Our Sunday School is lower in teachers that for some time, and I believe that the Session needs to have outside help such as yours. We have a Christian Education Chairman but no committee yet. We have a shortage of teachers and are using 3 high school girls, but 2 of them are team-teaching with adults. We have team-teaching in Kindergarten, Primary, and Jr. although it needs to be more effective. We have started the "class parent" plan to get help now and recruit future teachers.

I have begun to work the calendar as follows, and if these things are agreeable with you, I will go ahead and set them up:

February 11 or 12 - Arrive(?)  
13 - Nursery Demonstration  
14 - Primary "  
15 - Sunday School Teachers' Meeting  
16 - Meet with Women  
17 - Meet with Session  
18 - Family Night Supper  
"What is Christian Education?"  
(Officers participating)  
19 - (open)  
20 - Kindergarten Demonstration  
21 - Jr. "  
22, 23, 25 - (open - individual meetings with  
teachers, supt., etc.)  
24 - "Sunday School for Parents"  
26 - Plane to Kake(?)

Any changes or suggestions in the above are welcome, and I will get it set up when I hear back from you. What time do you



suggest for the Saturday demonstration?

Margaret Williams and her boys have asked that you be their guest at the Hotel. What has been the policy on your meals? The Session is backing these two weeks and have o.k.'d whatever we need in material, etc.

The boat situation is as unsettled as ever, and the A.J. is going in for Coast Guard inspection soon. All we can do is to make our plans for the summer and pray that the Lord will enable us to do His Work as He sees fit.

I hope you are making as much progress as you expected at Hydaburg.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Snelling

cc: Bill Pritchard  
Dr. Jackman

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## Presbyterian Sunday School Missions

May 6, 1960

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Enclosed please find an order for Vacation Bible School materials which, I understand, may be purchased through your department at a discount price.

Our schools will of course plan to pay the bill. We are arranging for three schools in the parish. Elizabeth and Beulah will conduct a joint program. Mac Farlan will have its own while at Cairo the school will be in cooperation with the Methodist Church. The Scripture Press material will be used at Cairo.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Albert E. Pierson  
Box 71  
Elizabeth, W. Va.



*Petersburg Church*

June 16, 1960

Mrs. Constance Reid  
Box 482  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Reid:

Thank you for your letter of June 13 which comes at the request of the session regarding qualifications and the submission of several names as prospects for the new missionary-pastor of the Church in Petersburg. We do not think your suggestions are "fussy" but rather have good sense to them. We shall follow them up and see what we can do about it.

On the matter of finding a man who has had some experience in the ministry always presents a problem to us. If he is now located in the South, he will have a houseful of furniture of his own. The houses in Alaska are furnished which means that anyone who comes up for service must dispose of all of his furniture before he comes. On the other hand, as you suggest, when we take men right out of seminary they do not have the houseful of furniture, but they rarely have any large amount of experience in the ministry. We always try to do the best that we can in light of the circumstances.

A small group of us are going to be at the meeting of the Synod in Spokane, Washington later this month and within the next two weeks, I will be seeing all of the men whom you have listed. We will mention Petersburg to each one of them in turn to ascertain their individual interest and, if interested, will then approach the Chairmen of the two committees concerned for the Presbytery.

Meanwhile, if we are unable to find someone for you at once, we have sounded out two or three retired ministers who are still very active and mature in their ministry to see if one of them might come to give leadership until we can find a permanent replacement. We would suggest that someone there be designated as the correspondent for the Church so that we can keep in touch with the session through one person and also have a contact for whatever arrangements we can make.

Best regards to all of you.

Cordially,

J. Earl Janssen, Secretary  
Dept. of Area in Alaska

JEL:bh

cc: Rev. Wm. Fritchard

Rev. Wm. Gavin

Rev. Paul Moser

July 11, 1960

Mr. Clarence Warfield  
Petersburg  
Alaska

Dear Mr. Warfield:

We have been informed that you are the Chairman of the Committee for the Petersburg Church looking for another minister to succeed the Rev. Ron Snelling. Therefore, I am writing to you to follow up the letter from Mrs. Reid.

On our Survey Team trip, there has been an opportunity to confer with the Assistant Secretary and the Chairman of the National Missions Committee regarding a successor for Mr. Snelling. Of the names which Mrs. Reid gave in her letter, we find that Mr. Smith is in the midst of a building program in Lake Bay and should not leave at this time. The Rev. Mr. Evans is in a particular kind of field, and there is a question about his desire to return to Southeastern. Mr. and Mrs. Hartmann have both expressed their desire to continue at Haines. Mr. Simmons of Lake has just finished his seminary work and does not yet seem to have gained the maturity which Mrs. Reid has expressed in her letter. There are two other ministers in Southeastern Alaska who have expressed their interest in the Church of Petersburg and who have had more experience in the ministry, but there is an honest doubt in the minds of those of us concerned whether either one of them would be best fitted for the particular needs which have been expressed for Petersburg. There are two other men up North who could do a good work in Petersburg but neither one of them have responded favorably yet.

Mrs. Reid mentioned the Rev. Kenneth Scull of Burley, Idaho. We are writing to him to discover the extent of his interest in coming to Alaska.

At the moment, we do not seem to have a definite candidate to suggest to you but have Petersburg very much in our minds and on our hearts. We feel that the Church there has come a long way during recent years, and we want to get the right kind of man who can pick up what has been accomplished and go forward with the congregation. We have five vacancies coming up at the end of the summer in Alaska and are endeavoring to find the right kind of man for all of them. If we are not able to accomplish this by the first of September, we have been in contact with several retired men who are in good health and who could perform an excellent ministry during the interim until we find permanent personnel. According to the Constitution of the



Mr. Clarence Warfield

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July 11, 1940

Church, the procedure on this is to clear a candidate with the Ministerial Relations and National Missions Committee for acceptance before presenting the name of the man to the congregation. If any other names come to you, we will be glad to offer the services of our Personnel Office to seek further information and a report about them. Be assured that we are working in your behalf and will hope to assist the Church in finding the right kind of person.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEL:bbh

cc: Rev. Mr. Writchard  
Rev. Paul Moser  
Rev. Mr. Gavin  
Rev. Richard Stansel

JUL 25 1960

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P.O. Box 636 *done*

Petersburg, Alaska

July 20th 1960

J. Earl Jackman, Secty  
Dept. of Work in Alaska  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

We were very happy to receive your letter of recent date.

The Nominating Committee has held a meeting since it arrived. You mentioned two other Ministers in Southeastern Alaska who have expressed their interest in the Church at Petersburg. The Committee is desirous of knowing who these men are if possible because one of them might be Rev. Louis Grafton of Craig, Alaska. He and his family have been here recently while on their vacation. He delivered a sermon in our Church but the committee feels that we should have his Autobiographical data. Could your personnel office furnish us this information? If so we would be very happy to receive it.

Mrs. Warfield and I both sent greeting to you and Mrs. Jackman.

Sincerely Yours

*Clarence E. Warfield*



AUG 15 1960

Aug 10th 1960

Box 636

Petersburg, Alaska

J. E. Jackman  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Could you give us a definite commitment as to salary for a minister in Petersburg?

Information was sent out to the ministers from Columbus, Ohio for a salary range of \$4500 to \$5600 per year. You saw this is an error and I don't know where they received that information.

Rev. Lester L. Pontius has expressed his desire in coming to Petersburg. He called me from Tucson and was leaving that day for Seattle to be with his wife who had preceded him. He said he would talk it over with her and let us know of his decision.

The nominating Committee are in favor of him. What is your opinion, assuming you know him?

Sincerely yours  
Clarence E. Fairfield

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Mr. Clarence E. Warfield  
FROM Dept. of Work in Alaska  
RE: Personnel Papers - E. Louis Grafton

DATE August 16, 1960

When you and your committee have reviewed the enclosed information and application papers on the Rev. F. Louis Grafton, Craig, Alaska please return them to:

Department of Work in Alaska  
Room 1117  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, New York.

Thank you.

Dept. of Work in Alaska  
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August 15, 1940

Mr. Clarence E. Warfield  
Box 636  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Mr. Warfield:

Here are a few developments since my last letter which should be reported to you and to those in the Presbytery who are concerned with the finding of a new minister for Petersburg. Mrs. Reid had written to me with the suggestion of the name of the Rev. Kenneth L. Seall of Hurley, Idaho. We have been in correspondence with him, and he reports that he is not qualified physically or emotionally for service there. He asks that his name should not be considered.

You have asked for the papers of the Rev. F. Louis Grafton who is presently serving at Craig and Klawock. These papers are enclosed. We will ask that they be returned to us when the Committee has completed its use of them. They are considered to be of a confidential nature and should not be shared with people beyond your Committee. During late June when we were in Alaska, the Graftons expressed their interest in Petersburg. Beyond their natural interest in the Church, they have a son of high school age and would prefer to have a better high school than is available in Craig. If this family situation were not a problem, I would feel that they ought to remain in Craig a longer period of time in order to perform a more continuous ministry for these two congregations.

We are also enclosing the Ministerial Relations statement regarding Lester L. Pontius. You will notice that Mr. Pontius has been serving in connection with Tusson Indian Training School which has been closed by the Board of National Missions. Therefore, he is seeking a new location. I talked with him briefly at the meeting of the Synod of Washington, and he expressed a general interest in Petersburg but later has written to me more specifically about it. We are in further correspondence with him. You will notice in his papers that he is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary in California. This is generally unacceptable in the Presbyterian Church. There was considerable controversy over ordaining him because of this relationship. Later, he took another year at Princeton Theological Seminary to try to overcome the reaction to Fuller in our Church. Since then, he has known to be very cooperative and very faithful to Presbyterian beliefs and program. If you should have an interest in him in particular, we are ready to secure more information and references for you.

Mr. Clarence E. Farfield

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August 14, 1949

In the work of your Committee, you may have had it pointed out to you that there is a procedure in this which must be followed. The Presbytery and the Board desire that local congregations shall have more responsibility in selecting their missionary pastors. Before a definite approach can be made to any particular minister about coming to Petersburg, there must be clearance with the local congregation, the Ministerial Relations and National Missions Committees of the Presbytery, and the Department of Work in Alaska. If any one of the four of us has found what seems to be the right person, full information must be shared with the other three before a definite offer can be made to the minister concerned. For your Committee and congregation, this means that you must have clearance and approval from the Chairman of the two Committees of the Presbytery and our office before a definite commitment can be made. The same clearance and approval would be sought from your Committee and congregation before Committee Chairman or our office would make a definite commitment to any minister. By following this procedure, we will have full concurrence by all concerned. This usually takes a little longer, but is the more satisfactory plan in the end. It is usual, also, to clear names by way of references and recommendations through the Department and the Presbytery before presenting a name to the local committee and congregation. Certainly only one name ought to be presented to the congregation for action.

We have made no progress in securing a retired man to cover the field until we have a permanent missionary pastor. The man I had hoped to secure recently died of a heart attack. We understand that arrangements have been made for Mr. Schuch to come over for an evening service until we can do something more definite.

We all have appreciated the outstanding ministry of the Stallings and trust that the Lord will lead us to find someone who can pick up the work with equal capacity and move forward as we have better facilities for it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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enc: Personal papers for Grafton & Pontius

cc: Rev. W. E. Fritchard

Rev. Paul Moser

Rev. A. Tussli

Rev. Wm. Gavin

P.S. We have inquired about Lester Pontius and have visited with him and his wife. He has shown a fine cooperative spirit in the ministry and we can recommend them.



Mr. Clarence M. Fairfield

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August 14, 1960

Salaries are based on the "good minimum" (now \$4,200 but recommended as \$4,500 for 1961 if we can get the money) plus an adjustment of \$800 for cost of living in Southeastern Alaska, plus an additional adjustment of \$300 after four year of service and return to Alaska. This makes a starting salary of \$5,000 plus furnished wage without utilities and heat, one month's vacation and pension provisions of 10 per cent on cash salary plus 15 per cent credit for money.

We are enclosing the Conditions of Service and the Plan of Participation between the local church and National Missions. We hope Petersburg can increase its portion of the support.

enc: Conditions of Service in Alaska  
Plan of Participation

OCT 24 1960

*R. Petersberg Mather*  
*(Mrs. Earl Jackman)*

1773 College Road  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
October 20, 1960

Mrs. Jack Anderson  
207 N. Pacific,  
Kelso, Washington

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

Dr. Jackman wrote some time ago asking me to send you a floor plan and list of furnishings for the house in Petersburg. I hope I haven't waited too long and that this will be of some help.

The floor plans for each floor is enclosed and the furnishings are as follows:

Downstairs

Living room - Couch (can be made into a bed), swivel rocker, second hand bookcase, wrought iron record stand, one floor lamp, oil heater (Siegler)  
Bedroom - Single bed with bookcase headboard, 6 drawer double dresser, chest of drawers (this furniture is new but unfinished).  
Kitchen - Chrome dinette set with 6 chairs, Coldspot refrigerator, Olympic oil range.  
Utility room - Semi-automatic washer.

Upstairs

Bedroom #1 - Double bed with bookcase headboard, double dresser with mirror, chest of drawers.  
Bedroom #2 - Second hand chest of drawers, small chest (second hand).  
Bedroom #3 - Nothing.

I hope that you will enjoy the house as much as we did.

Sincerely,

*Gertie Zenger*

cc: Dr. J. Earl Jackman

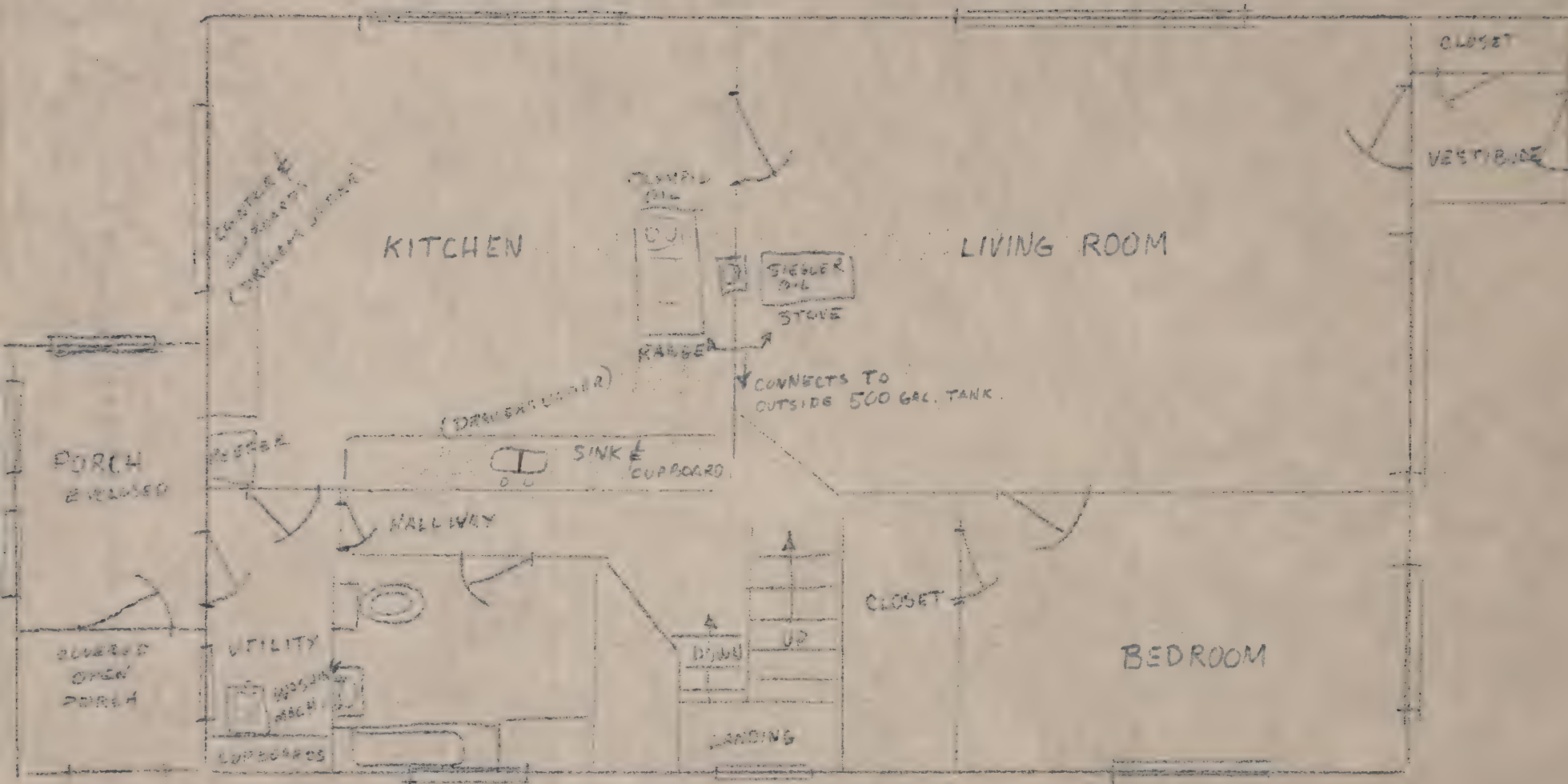
Dear Dr. Jackman: I'm very sorry to be so long with this letter and hope that it isn't too late. I'm thoroughly enjoying being a full time wife, but it sure keeps me busy. I'm enclosing a copy of the floor plans. We're looking forward to seeing you in November and hope that you will be able to baptize our Mark Andrew, who arrived October 1st.

Sincerely,

*Gertie*



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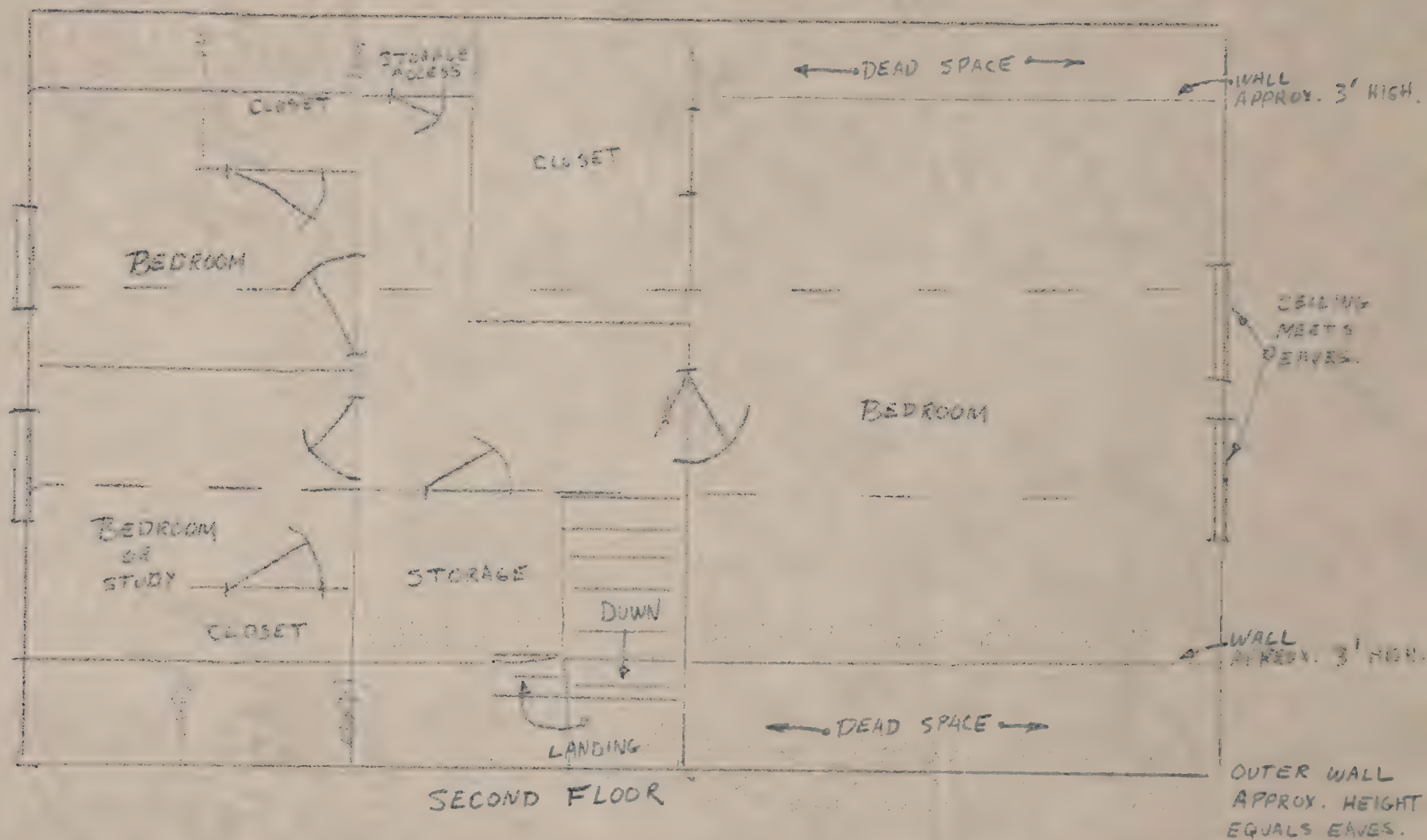


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PETERSBURG, ALASKA

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Mr Clarence Warfield  
Petersburg, Alaska.

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Dear Clarence: Done 10/25/60  
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Sincerely,



October 28, 1960

Mr. Clarence Warfield  
Petersburg  
Alaska

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Sincerely,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:cm

CC: Rev. Wm. Fritchard  
Rev. Wm. Gavin  
Rev. Paul Moser

*cc  
22 Oct 1960 Ch H.  
Petersburg*

November 2, 1960

Mr. Clarence Warfield  
Petersburg  
Alaska

Dear Mr. Warfield:

Since writing you on October 28th re: the Rev. George Forner, we have had a letter from him stating they do not "feel led in the direction of Alaska" at this time. He feels he should grow in leading a church which experience has been rather fragmented up to now. After some loss of sleep, much thought and prayer, they have reconsidered their first decision.

Dr. Jackman is enroute to Anchorage for the Presbytery meetings. We had relayed the above information to him.

Sincerely yours,  
Dept. of Work in Alaska  
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K/ cm  
CC: Rev. Wm. M. Pritchard  
Rev. Wm. Gavin  
Rev. Paul Moser



# *The Community Presbyterian Churches of*

*Craigmont & Reubens, Idaho*

*Rev. David H. Crawford*

*Craigmont, Idaho*

January 11, 1960

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman,

I received your letter of the 9th this morning and I thought that perhaps you would like to hear from me direct. Petersburg made contact with me the first of Sept. I wrote them then that I would consider, but I couldn't do anything about it before the first of Jan. I was surprised that they had my name at all. About two years ago Columbus wrote me and told me that they had to have a file on me. Some official of our G.A. had requested the same. I filled one out in full and sent it to them, but told them that I was not at that time seeking a move and felt that until John finished H.S., which was last spring, I wouldn't want to move. Through the fall I did considerable praying about Petersburg and prayed, if it was God's will, open the door. I never received any communication from there until the last week of Dec. Having not heard from them, I considered that God was saying the door is closed, and I felt content. Since, their letter of Dec. 27th, I have felt as though God was saying, Wait a min.

The forms you state in your letter have not arrived, but Columbus has my file as of 2 years ago and that wouldn't be changed except to add two more years work in this present field. I have just completed 8 full years here.

Petersburg wired that they were waiting clearance from you and the Committee on Ministerial relations before setting a date for my going there to canadate.

I was talking with Polhemus last week and he was happy that I was considering this move and hoped that it would work out.

As you know from our Christmas letter, John is enrolled in Whitworth College and David is now a freshman in H.S. Both are playing Basketball and are two strapping fellows over 6 feet 3 in. tall. They both weigh around 190 lbs. The old folks have gotten a little heavier and have slowed down a bit, but are both in good health, for which we are thankful.

I thought this note might bring<sup>you</sup>/up to date just a bit on us.

Sincerely yours,

*David H. Crawford*

JAN 13 1961

JAN. FEB. MAR. APR. MAY JUNE JULY AUG. SEPT. OCT. NOV. DEC.

*For Mr. Jackman*

January 16, 1961

The Rev. David H. Crawford  
Community Church  
Craigmont, Idaho

*B file*

Dear Mr. Crawford:

We have been alerted by Dr. J. Earl Jackman of your interest in service in Petersburg. Since you completed application forms for us years ago and are now thinking of re-locating, we need up-to-date background information. We are enclosing a set of application forms for your completion and return to this office.

Your credentials will be shared with Dr. Jackman and other executives for review.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Cordially yours,

Barbara Mintern  
Office of Missionary  
Personnel

Enc.  
Encl.

cc: Dr. J. Earl Jackman



Petersburg  
Church Fdr.

January 31, 1961

Mr. Clarence Warfield  
Petersburg  
Alaska

Dear Mr. Warfield:

Mr. Fritchard has written that you have reported a successful visit with Mr. Crawford as a candidate for the pulpit and that Mr. Crawford should communicate with us regarding details and arrangements. We have been informed that he was to come up as a candidate, and he has written that he was planning to make the trip in response to your invitation. We have sent him the usual personnel papers but they have not been returned. We do not have his papers nor any references for him which are a part of the usual procedure before appointment on the Board's part in a headquarters administered Church. If we are to follow procedures, we must have these before making any recommendation. In fact, it is necessary to have these and forward them to the Chairman of the Ministerial Relations and National Missions Committee and the General Presbyter for their approval before confirmation can be given on behalf of the Presbytery. In fact, these things are usually done before clearance is given to a local church to invite a man to come as a candidate. We seem to have begun at this from the wrong end, and we will need to make haste. We trust that after these steps have been completed, everything will come out alright, but they are necessary for the Presbytery and the Board.

Mr. Snelling had written us that the Petersburg Church Session desire to participate in the Evangelistic Mission March 5-12, and we are assigning the Rev. A. Paul Noble of Leonia, New Jersey. Mr. Noble is a fine young man in his thirties, has been informed that the pulpit is vacant and is willing to come for the spiritual stimulation of the Church and the community if there will be a local committee which will make full preparations for the success of the Mission. We have assured him that the local Session would take this responsibility and have given him your name as the contact person. You will soon be receiving the information which we have sent to him and the request that you communicate with him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

Jed:bb

cc: The Rev. Paul Moser  
The Rev. Richard Stussi  
The Rev. Wm. Fritchard

Dictated by Mr. Jackson;  
signed in his absence.



*Follow up file*  
*Petersburg*

## BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

RIVERSIDE 9-2200

March 29, 1961

Mr. Clarence Warfield  
Petersburg  
Alaska

Dear Clarence:

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In clearing up many of the details of the transfer of the administration of the work in Alaska from the Headquarters Department to the Synod Committee of National Missions, we are trying to trace and dispose of any items in the Treasury Department which should go to local projects. We find an item of \$35.00 designated for the new church in Petersburg. We are requesting the Treasury Department to give us a check for this amount to be forwarded to you for some appropriate use in the building or the new furnishings for the building.

Ten dollars of this was given by Elder John George of the Petersburg Church in May 1947. He was the Senior Elder of the Church when I attended my first meeting of Presbytery which was at Petersburg. People such as, Dick Hansen and Amy Hollingstad will remember him very well. Frances Phillips may remember him. Late in his life, something at Church offended him, and he proposed to withdraw and go into the Salvation Army. Paul Prouty went to visit him and convinced him that since he was a loyal Presbyterian and an Elder in the Church, he should never think of leaving the membership at this stage in his life. The net result of this visit was that he remained in the Church to his death soon after that, and he gave this gift of \$10.00 toward a new church there.

Twenty-five dollars of this was given by Mr. Llewellyn M. Kimberle of Westerville, Ohio in February of 1950. I do not know the source of this gift nor the occasion upon which it was given.

The remaining \$50.00 is marked as From "Various Individuals" through L. Gordon Tait of Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh in June of 1950. Again, I do not know the source nor the occasion of the gift, but this makes the total of \$35.00 which we are sending.

To me, the gift from Elder John George has particular significance. We trust that these gifts will assist in the provision of necessary equipment to carry on the program of the Church.



Mr. Clarence Warfield

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March 29, 1961

It was a real privilege to have breakfast with you and your wife at the Mayflower Hotel in Seattle during your vacation. We had a visit with Paul Noble a few days ago, and he reports a great experience in Petersburg. Your people were so friendly and treated him so well that he reported he would have been to stay as your minister if you had not found another man. Such graciousness leaves a lasting impression.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JBJ:hh  
*cc: Mitchell*

at  
Petersburg Ch. file

March 27, 1961

Mr. Clarence Warfield  
Petersburg  
Alaska

Dear Clarence:

In clearing up many of the details of the transfer of the administration of the work in Alaska from the Headquarters Department to the Synod Committee of National Missions, we are trying to trace and dispose of any items in the Treasury Department which should go to local projects. We find an item of \$35.00 designated for the new church in Petersburg. We are requesting the Treasury Department to give us a check for this amount to be forwarded to you for some appropriate use in the building or the new furnishings for the building.

Ten dollars of this was given by Elder John George of the Petersburg Church in May 1947. He was the Senior Elder of the Church when I attended my first meeting of Presbytery which was at Petersburg. People such as, Dick Hansen and Amy Hollingstad will remember him very well. Frances Phillips may remember him. Late in his life, something at Church offended him, and he proposed to withdraw and go into the Salvation Army. Paul Prouty went to visit him and convinced him that since he was a loyal Presbyterian and an Elder in the Church, he should never think of leaving the membership at this stage in his life. The net result of this visit was that he remained in the Church to his death soon after that, and he gave this gift of \$10.00 toward a new church there.

Twenty-five dollars of this was given by Dr. Llewellyn A. Kimberle of Westerville, Ohio in February of 1950. I do not know the source of this gift nor the occasion upon which it was given.

The remaining \$50.00 is marked as From "Various Individuals" through L. Gordon Tait of Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh in June of 1950. Again, I do not know the source nor the occasion of the gift, but this makes the total of \$85.00 which we are sending.

To me, the gift from Elder John George has particular significance. We trust that these gifts will assist in the provision of necessary equipment to carry on the program of the Church.



Mr. Clarence Warfield

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March 29, 1961

It was a real privilege to have breakfast with you and your wife at the Wayflower Hotel in Seattle during your vacation. We had a visit with Paul Noble a few days ago, and he reports a great experience in Petersburg. Your people were so friendly and treated him so well that he reported he would have been to stay as your minister if you had not found another man. Such graciousness leaves a lasting impression.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JEG:sh

CC: Rev.ritchard

31067 amount 4/3/61  
REQUEST FOR PAYMENT *2/10 Marfield*

Exact Budget  
or Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Alaska Specific Properties  
Petersburg, New Church a/c

Exact Name of Payee

The Presbyterian Church  
Petersburg, Alaska

For:

furnishings for Petersburg Church

Date 3/28/61	85 dollars	00 Cents
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Approved by:

In the absence of J. Earl Jackson, Admin.

Office of S.S. Missions & M.M.

Disposition of Check

Wanted by	Delivered	Mailed
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Room #1117 F. Koerner		
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Alaska  
Petersburg  
Church

April 6, 1961

The Rev. David H. Crawford  
Petersburg  
Alaska

Dear Dave:

Our correspondence suddenly ceased when the Board took action to transfer the administrative relationships of Alaska from the Headquarters office to the Synod Committee. I did not want to enter into the deliberations but leave the way open for those responsible to handle contacts with you freely.

Now that you are on the field, let me express my personal good will to you and hope that your ministry there will be a very satisfying spiritual experience for you and the congregation of the Petersburg Church. We understand that you have gone alone and that the family will join you when school is out. Best regards to you, Ann and the children.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ:bh

May 15, 1961

The Rev. David Crawford  
Petersburg  
Alaska

Dear Dave:

You probably have been told that we have a one-half interest in the boat and full ownership of the two outboards. Ron Snelling owned the other half interest in the boat and owned the boat house. In order to relieve him of his interest and provide him with cash, we advanced him \$300.00 until the new man came to the field to see whether he wanted to assume this possession on the same basis— one-half interest in the boat and ownership of the boat house. If you do, you owe us \$300.00—if you do not, the whole outfit should be sold for a reasonable price and all the money returned to me.

Let me hear from you.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ:bh



MAY 24 1961  
P. O. Box 636  
Petersburg Alaska  
5-19-61

Dear Earl:-

I am writing this letter in regard to the Motor or Motors, Boat and Boat House.

Bill Pritchard was in Petersburg a few weeks ago and he asked me about the above mentioned items especially in regard to the 35 H.P. Motor.

I told him about the conversation I had with you in Seattle the morning of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said he couldn't write you an official letter, but would write you a personal letter about the motor and that I would receive a copy of such letter. To date I have not received the copy.

I believe you stated that the Board wanted \$300<sup>00</sup> for the motor and that it was to be sent to you. If this statement is not correct I owe you and Bill an apology. Don Snelling told me when we visited them in March that he built the Boat House so I am not sure who owns it. I am sure this matter will be taken care and trust that it will be in the near future.

Sincerely yours  
Clarence E. Warfield

P.O. Box 636 MAY 24 1961

Petersburg Alaska  
5-19-61

Dear Carl:-

Your letter dated March 29<sup>th</sup> 1961 was read at the last regular meeting of the session in regard to various gifts that were in the Treasury Department totaling \$85<sup>00</sup>.

I received the check and <sup>it</sup> was turned over to the Treasurer of the Church. I suggested to the Session that this sum of money be placed in a "Special Gift and Memorial Fund" rather than have them in the fund that has been called the Building Fund and still exists as such. This Building Fund contains some Memorial Gifts also and I believe these gifts were intended to be used for something Permanent or semi-permanent rather than buying items that might last only a few months.

This will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the Session which will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues in June.

Your letter received dated May 11<sup>th</sup> 1961 of which you mailed a copy to Rev. Crawford in regard to the \$150<sup>00</sup>. I will present this to the session at the June meeting and you will receive a reply shortly thereafter.

Sincerely yours  
Clara E. Winfield



## Personal Note

My Wife and I spent a very enjoyable week end with the Snelling. Ron is a very busy man but I am sure the Church will move forward under his leadership. Pat has more time to spend with the Children because Ron has help in the Church office. They are both homesick for Alaska and we are sure they would like to come back.

My Wife and I attended Presbytery and Presbyterial at Millabatha and your absence was surely missed and many others who were there. We hope someday that you and Mrs. Jackman will see Alaska again and the many friends you have here.

Sincerely yours

Mr & Mrs Clarence E. Warfield

Boy 636 MAY 24 1961  
Petersburg, Alaska.  
5-19-61

Dear Earl: -

First, I must apologize for the long delay in regard to a gift you and your wife wish to give to our church that would add to our worship in the Sanctuary.

Your letter was read by the clerk to the session and they decided to refer it to the Sarah Magill Missionary Society for suggestions and then back to the session for their approval.

The following items were suggested by the

Society in the order named below;

- O.K. order.
1. United States and Christian Flags Complete with stands *3' x 5' as a pair (2) Complete outfit Charge #8,240.12*
  2. Lights for Organ and Screenshot *Free of charge*
  3. Runner and Scarfs for Communion Table, *full amount*
  4. Organ Mirror
- SO 489 5/24/61 BH*

These items were approved by the session at their last Regular meeting.

Sincerely yours  
Clarence C. Warfield

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The Rev David Crawford

Petersburg, Alaska.



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July 21, 1961

Mr. Clarence Warfield  
Box 636  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Clarence:

Your letter of late May seems to have passed one from me in the mail to Mr. Crawford, and I held your letter, particularly the one about the motor boathouse, thinking that I might receive some other information. I had written to Mr. Crawford to give him the basic information regarding these things but no answer has come yet, and I am wondering whether this has been shared.

Originally, Ron Snelling purchased a skiff and outboard for \$600. We supplied one-half of the funds for this purpose. Later, the large outboard had to be replaced, and we purchased that from here. It belongs to the Board of National Missions. Ron built the boathouse himself with his own funds and owned one-half of the skiff. When they left, he estimated that his value was approximately \$300. He and we thought that the new missionary might want these, and we did not want to dispose of them until after the new man had the choice to make. Therefore, I advanced to Ron his \$300. from a special fund, pending the choice of the new man to purchase this at \$300. which money should be sent me here; or if he did not want them, we then would offer the boathouse for sale to someone else and the skiff. These two combined should bring more than \$300. If the outboard is sold, a reasonable price for it should be returned to the Board of National Missions in National Missions Building and Repair funds which are under the direction of Mr. Carson. The money for the boathouse and the skiff should come to me.

We appreciated the letter from Mr. Crawford giving us the story of the presentation and dedication of the flags which were our gift to the Petersburg Church. Since it has been my privilege to have a part in the development of the property, personnel and program of our Church in Petersburg, we continue to have a strong interest in the work and desire to express this in a very tangible way. We trust that the work is going well now.

Best regards to you and your wife. You two have a large place in our choicest memories of Alaska people.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ:bh



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9/22/61

G. Carson will sell boat  
and outboards to David  
Crawford for \$450.

\* \$50. a month will be withheld  
from his salary here,  
the 1st \$200. goes to Rarin Fund  
the next \$250. goes to NMBS & R.

\* Alm Carson clearing the  
route Pay Roll thru his  
memo.



